

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Weather and Floods
FEMA-DR-1655-VA)
FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office**

**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 19
1400 Hours 28 July 2006**

(New Information in Bold Italics)

SUMMARY

The combination of tropical moisture steered northward around a low pressure system near Florida and a stationary frontal boundary across the Mid-Atlantic and New England States led to substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth beginning 23 June 2006. Successive severe weather systems have continued to impact the Commonwealth.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Activation:

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center remains at Recovery Operations as activity continues from the Joint Field Office (JFO) located at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA. The JFO is assisting local jurisdictions in their recovery efforts.

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Regular VDEM staff meetings will be conducted on M-W-F of each week at 0800 hours in the JFO Conference Room.

**State of Emergency and
Executive Order:**

Through an Executive Order, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to receive Public Assistance along with State, Local Governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The request for Individual Assistance is pending further review.

On 20 July 2006 Governor Kaine requested the addition of Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, and Henry Counties to the Public Assistance Disaster Declaration. ***On 26 July 2006 the Disaster Declaration was amended by FEMA to include the above four counties for Public Assistance (PA).***

WEATHER

Forecast:

Four-day forecast (F-Sa-Su-M - 28-31 July 2006): Mostly sunny today with late afternoon and evening scattered showers and thunderstorms; Highs in the upper 90s. Mostly cloudy on Saturday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; High in the 80s. Chance of rain is 30% Friday and Saturday with Heat Index values in lower 100s over the weekend. Monday will be hot with highs in the upper 90s; evening will be partly cloudy and low in the 70s.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison:

Established contact with legislators who represent the additional four declared jurisdictions for Public Assistance (PA) (Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, and Henry counties) advising them of JFO location/operation and that VDEM POC is Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov). Currently, the 13 jurisdictions (9 + 4) declared for PA are represented by 54 legislators. All were requested to contact the JFO-Legislative Liaison if they have questions.

Legislator input into response activities continues to be monitored. There have been minimal requests from state legislators regarding issues. Continue to coordinate with FEMA Congressional Liaison, Marge Atkins, regarding legislative events/inputs.

Public Information Office (PIO): Distributed *news release for add-ons and posted same on the VDEM website. Addressed media calls from WRVA and "USA Today".*

Community Relations (CR): CR Teams completed their *work*.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: *VDOT website continues to report* no primary roads and 2 secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

The following is a recap of "Applicants' Briefings" completed or scheduled:

Completed:

- When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 (1330 hours)
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA
Total attendance: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
Comment: One additional PA received from VDOT by VDEM*
- When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA
Total attendance: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
Comment: Following the "Applicants' Briefing," Deborah Mills (DSCO) and staff traveled to Clifton to provide the Mayor and members of the Masonic Lodge information regarding allowable repairs and flood prevention options for damaged structures.*

Scheduled:

3. **When:** Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1100 hours)
Where: State High School Auditorium, 400 Spartan Drive, Salem, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, and Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Henry, Highland and Rockbridge).

The following is a recap of “Kick-off Meetings” completed or scheduled:

Scheduled:

1. **When:** Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Arlington, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Arlington County)
2. **When:** Tue, 1 Aug, 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Alexandria, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + City of Alexandria)
3. **When:** Wed, 2 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County)
4. **When:** Wed, 2 Aug, 2006 (1400 hours)
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County Schools)

PA Briefing and Field Officer Training will be conducted at the JFO on Mon, 31 Jul 2006 (0900-1700 hours). Morning training focuses on program overview, eligibility, and safety/security issues. Afternoon training focuses on more specific technical instructions for the PA Inspector Staff (POC: Mr. Howard Robinson, DFTO).

The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance for FEMA-1655-DR is Sat, 13 Aug 2006.

PDA's are being conducted for three additional counties – Augusta, Mecklenburg, and Rappahannock.

James Lee Witt Associates-Innovative Emergency Management has been contracted to provide support staff for state PA operations.

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program, schedules, forms, and resource documents.

The Public Assistance Program Administration Plan draft has been completed.

Individual Assistance:

In support of a potential IA declaration, FEMA and VDEM representatives visited Alexandria and Arlington and revisited the Huntington area in Fairfax on Saturday, 22 July 2006. Additional damage info was forwarded to FEMA HQ on Wednesday, 26 July.

Mitigation:

A final draft of mitigation guidelines and the Mitigation strategy for this disaster in coordination with FEMA and Department of Conservation and Recreation (**DCR**) Floodplain Management Program **has been forwarded** to the FCO/SCO for review.

DCR has reported that they are working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, participation, compliance, and enforcement. Among these jurisdictions are the counties of Dickenson, Montgomery, King George, and Rockbridge, and the cities/towns of Ashland, Clincho, Clintwood, Port Royal, and Salem.

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is currently under review by the VDEM Preparedness, Training, and Exercises (PT&E) Office.

Coordinating with two entities (Amelia County and the Northern Shenandoah Planning District Commission) to assist with their local Hazard Mitigation Plans (section 322 of Stafford Act). The Amelia County Plan has been completed and is awaiting FEMA Region III final review and approval.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management:

Planning staff ***will provide*** VDEM JFO Situation Reports M-W-F ***for next week.***

Hurricane Preparedness Planning Meeting was conducted at the JFO on ***Wed, 26 Jul 2006.*** Attendees were Michael Cline (SCO), Ted Costin (VDEM PTE Division Director), Stewart Baker (Hurricane Planning Program Manager), Gracia Szczech (FCO), Bob Gunter (FCO Special Assistant), Gene Marrone (FEMA Region III Hurricane Planning Officer), and Patricia Evatt (FEMA-JFO Planning Section). After an overview presentation by Mr. Baker of the Commonwealth's plan, roundtable discussions addressed how FEMA can assist in the Commonwealth's preparedness planning.

ESF 7 – Resource Management

Continuing to develop an overall VDEM JFO staffing plan for the DSCO. The staffing plan will cover through the Labor Day week (24 Jul – 8 Sep 2006). In conjunction with the overall VDEM JFO staffing plan, a staffing plan for other VDEM staff members to participate within the VDEM JFO Planning Section is being developed in coordination with the VDEM Planning Division Chief at Trade Court and the VDEM JFO Operations Section Chief.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

Current VDEM JFO staffing is **22.**

Administration Unit:

A daily courier service began Monday, 24 July 2006 with a 1000 hours pickup at Trade Court and a 1030 hours pickup at EOC, and an approximate 1130 hours arrival at JFO (at the DSCO Admin Office). In the afternoon, the courier will then leave the JFO at 1330 hours for deliveries to the EOC at 1430 hours, ending at 1500 hours at Trade Court.

Finance Unit:

All VDEM personnel working at the JFO received a policy and guidance briefing on a number of topics regarding pay/travel/rental autos, etc. from VDEM Finance Director, Linda Coleman, and members of her staff at 21 July VDEM-JFO staff meeting.

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